

REMARKS

The sole issue raised in the outstanding Office Action is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-25 in view of claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,980,796. As set forth by the Examiner, a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in Compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) may be used to overcome a rejection of this type. Being filed herewith is Terminal Disclaimer. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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